Pension applications of defence personnel pending in Ministry of Defence

77. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many applications of service personnel for pension art being kept in abeyance in Defence Ministry for more than one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No pension application is kept in abeyance in the Ministry of Defence unless thert are unavoidable reasons like Court directions etc.

(b) Does not arise.

Import and manufacture of mythyl chloroform in India

78. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings of US EPA about two dangerous compounds which threaten ozone layer, as reported in the Indian Express of the 4th July. 1990;

(b) whether any R and D work has been undertaken on the said subjects in India; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details regarding import and manufacture of mythyl chloroform in India and the quantity used, the names of manufactures and users?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Scientific research undertaken around the world has established that certain compounds, including the two compounds about which the findings of the US EPA have been reported in the Indian Express daily of 4th July, 1990, cause damage to the Ozone layer in the stratosphere.

(c) The current use of myhtyl chloroform in India is approximately 1000 metric tonnes per annum. This is used as vapour degreasing agent in automobile, electronic and engineering industries. The only manufacturer of mythyl chloroform in India is M|s. Standard Alkalies Ltd., with a licensed capacity of 3000 tonnes per annum. The imports of methyl chloroform in the country are negligible.

Dissatisfaction over Pollution Control measures in Industries

79. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of Central Polution Control Board has expressed dissatisfaction with the Pollution Control measures being taken by indusrties, as reported in the Indian Express dated 4th July, 1990;

(b) whether Government are aware that false certificates are issued by the officials of Polution Control agencies; and

(c) whether Government propose to investigate into the matter, and what corrective steps taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir. While delivering the key note address at a Conference on 'Industry and Environment' organised by the Indian Environmental Society, in Delhi on 3rd July, 1990, the Chairman, Central Polution Control Board said that the expenditures incurred on anti-pollution measures by polluting industries is done in a half-hearted spirit only to meet the compulsions of law. He further emphasised that though Pollu-

tion Control did cost the industry, this cost could be largely recovered if proper technology is used.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export order bagged by Defence Units

80. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Units in the country have bagged export orders for Rs. 145 crores for the next five years; if so, which countries are being benefited by the export of Defence items; and

(b) whether the export items cover the high technology areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The export enquiries already firmed up including contracts signed and MOUs reached by the Defence Production units for fulfilment over the coming years are approximately of the value of Rs. 151 crores. The information regarding the countries to which defence stores are being export is of classified nature and cannot be divulged.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Right to work in the 8th Five Year Plan

81. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently announced approach to the 8th Five Year Plan envisaged the assuring of the "Fundamental Right to work" to all citizens as the basic plan planning strategy; and

(b) if so, how precisely the basic tenet has been adopted in laying down the 8th Five Year Plan strategy and what specific prorgammes and schemes contemplated under the 8th Five Year Plan are aimed at achieving and assuring this Fundamental Right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) The Approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan places employment generation as the major thrust for ensuring more balanced and equitable development. It envisages a full employment strategy which would be operationalised by ensuring that growth is widely distributed across regions and sections of the population and is of a kind and magnitude which can absorb the increase in the labour force and the backlog of unemployment. The pattern of investment will be oriented in favour of employment-intensive sectors, as part of this strategy. Special programmes to provide employment on a guaranteed basis are also visualised. The details will be incorporated in the Plan document.

Document on restructuring of industrial trade and fiscal polices'

82 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether besides the document on approach to Eighth Five Year Plan as approved by the National Development Council at its meetings held in mid-June, another document entitled "towards restructuring of industrial trade and fiscal policies" has been prepared by the Prime Minister's office;

(b) whether this document, while arguing for reduction in the degree of protection to Indian Industry, stresses the need for opening up to foreign investment to globalise the economy, and envisages devaluation of the rupee by 20 per cent over the next five year period;